Los A ieles County Sheriff's Dep tment

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
06-30-99	LANCASTER NARCOTICS	☒	☐

Incident Information

URN: 499-08146-2616-055	Date: 06-30-99 Time: 0720 HRS.
City or Station: PALMDALE	Nature of Incident: NARCOTICS SEARCH WARRANT
Location: [redacted] GODDE HILL ROAD, QUARTZ HILLS	

Location Type (*circle one or more*): Backyard, Beach, Business, Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, **Residence**, Rural, School, Street, Other: ____________

Lighting (*circle only one*): Darkness, **Daylight**, Other, Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*): **Clear**, Cloudy, Fog, Rain

Distance: 30 FEET

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, **Armed Person**, Fleeing Suspect, Foot Pursuit, Gun Take Away, Moving Vehicle, Sniper/Ambush, Startle, Struggle Involved, Traffic Stop, Unarmed Person, Unintentional, Vehicle Pursuit, **Warrant Service**, Other: ____________

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, Call, Observation, One Person Unit, Other, **Search Warrant**, Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): **Detective**, Inmate Transport, Other, Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect	Aero Unit?	Canine Unit?
27	0	☒	☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
[redacted]	THOMAS,	CARL	E.	EM PM **Day**	**Regular** Overtime Off Duty
[redacted]	LEVENSON,	KERRY	L.	EM PM **Day**	**Regular** Overtime Off Duty
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	EM PM **Day**	**Regular** Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	NELSON,	PATRICK	A.	**On Duty**, Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, **Involved in shooting**
[redacted]	HOLLINS,	ANTHONY		**On Duty**, **Present during shooting**, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	RIFKIN,	ROBERT	M.

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
06-30-99	0930 HRS.		

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	ZOMBEK,	ROGER	A.
[redacted]	MAULDIN,	DONNIE	L.
[redacted]	RHAMBO,	CECIL	W.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
E#1	S#1	FS	BN	12	Y	Y	NN	
E#2	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	
E#3	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	
E#4	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	
E#5	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	
E#6	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	
S#1	E#1	FS	ZZ	12			NN	
S#1	E#2	FS	ZZ	12			NN	
S#1	E#3	FS	ZZ	12			NN	

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name NELSON,	First Name PATRICK	M.I. A.
Sex: M Race: W.	Rank SERGEANT	Unit Assignment LANCASTER STATION	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): NARCOTICS
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM (Day)	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: — Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 5	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, (Raid Jacket w/ Vest), Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors: WEARING A BALLISTIC HELMET.
Age: 34 Height: 600 Weight: 200			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name HARRIS,	First Name RANDALL	M.I. D.
Sex: M Race: B	Rank DEPUTY	Unit Assignment LANCASTER STATION	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): NARCOTICS
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM (Day)	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: — Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 4.5	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, (Raid Jacket w/ Vest), Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors: WEARING A BALLISTIC HELMET.
Age: 34 Height: 511 Weight: 200			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E 3

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name SEEMANN,	First Name SCOTT	M.I.
Sex: M Race: W	Rank DEPUTY	Unit Assignment LANCASTER STATION	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): NARCOTICS
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM (Day)	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: — Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, (Raid Jacket w/ Vest), Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors: WEARING A BALLISTIC HELMET.
Age: 35 Height: 602 Weight: 205			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? ☒ Number of Prior Shootings: 3
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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E 4

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name BRODY,	First Name GARY	M.I. L.
Sex: M Race: W	Rank DEPUTY	Unit Assignment: LANCASTER STATION	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): NARCOTICS
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM **Day**	ShiftType (*circle only one*): **Regular** Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 5	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, **Raid Jacket w/ Vest**, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: 52	Height: 505	Weight: 160	
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? ☒ Number of Prior Shootings: 5
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E 5

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name NEWLANDS,	First Name MARK	M.I. S.
Sex: M Race: W	Rank DEPUTY	Unit Assignment: LANCASTER STATION	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): NARCOTICS
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 7.5	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, **Raid Jacket w/ Vest**, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: 33	Height: 510	Weight: 180	
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? ☒ Number of Prior Shootings: 1
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E 6

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name HOLEMAN,	First Name THOMAS	M.I. V.
Sex: M Race: W	Rank DEPUTY	Unit Assignment: L.A.IMPACT	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): NARCOTICS LAB DETAIL
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM **Day**	ShiftType (*circle only one*): **Regular** Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: 53	Height: 508	Weight: 150	
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: SEXTON,	First Name: RODNEY	M.I. S.
AKA Last Name:	First Name: ROD	M.I.

Sex: M Race: W	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: NONE	Home Phone: NONE	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 42 D.O.B. 06-04-57	Height: 510 Weight: 150	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #: 6107 940	Primary Charge: 245 (D) (1)PC	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☒	Apprehended? ☒	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☒
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

S __

Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

The summary of this incident is based upon reports (Exhibit A) prepared by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station Narcotics. This summary includes interviews of the Department members who were involved in the incident by the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) investigators.

On June 30, 1999, Lieutenant Cecil Rhambo, and Sergeants Roger Zombek and Donnie Mauldin of IAB, were notified that a narcotics search warrant was served at [redacted] Godde Hill Road, in the Los Angeles County area of Quartz Hill. Seconds after the forced entry into the residence, the entry team was confronted by a suspect (Rodney Sexton M/W 42, Bkg. #6107940) armed with a shotgun. Fearing for their lives, several members of the entry team fired at the suspect and retreated from the residence. The location was contained and the suspect subsequently surrendered to the narcotic's team after being ordered several times from the location. Members of the Special Enforcement Bureau were summoned to clear the residence for additional suspects. No additional suspects were found, but a dead dog was discovered inside, apparently killed by deputies gunfire. There were no reported injuries to the suspect or deputy personnel.

IAB Note: The residence is located on more than one acre of land and there are no residences immediately to either side.

Sergeant Patrick Nelson, #[redacted], said that he prepared a search warrant for the residence and its occupants for the illegal manufacturing and possession of methamphetamine for sales. Sergeant Nelson said the team which served the search warrant consisted of a combination of both the Lancaster and Palmdale Narcotics Crews along with two members of the Lab Crew. (Sergeants Anthony Hollins and Deputy Thomas Holeman).

Sergeant Nelson said that the entry team drove to the location in several vehicles and attempted to use bolt cutters to cut the lock and chain on the outside perimeter fence of the residence. He added that the chain was too large, so Sergeant Hollins, who was driving the narcotics lab response truck, drove through the fence using the push bars on the truck. The entry team followed the vehicle into the yard and proceeded to the front door.

Sergeant Nelson said that they made several announcements to comply with "knock and notice" and then used a ram to break the door open. He said that it took three hits with the ram to gain entry into the residence. Sergeant Nelson said, when the door opened, he stepped inside the residence approximately 1 ½ feet and saw a male (Suspect Sexton) in a back room, holding what appeared to be a long rifle, pointing in his direction.

Sergeant Nelson said he yelled to alert the entry team that a suspect was armed with a gun and fearing for the lives of the entry team, he fired one shotgun round from his Bonnelli semiautomatic shotgun at the suspect, and began to immediately retreat.

At the same moment, Deputies Seeman, Holeman, Harris, Brody and Newlands fired into the residence. At least two of the deputies saw Suspect Sexton holding a rifle (later discovered to be a shotgun) and fired at him from the front doorway. The other deputies fired toward the residence with what they described as "cover fire." They added that they did not know at the time that the suspect was not shooting at the entry team. Containment deputies heard someone yell that the suspect was armed with a long rifle.

Suspect Sexton was the primary resident and allowed methamphetamine "cookers" to use his home in exchange for a quantity of finished methamphetamine. The suspect admitted that he tried to fire at the deputies but he did not know how to remove the shotgun's safety. He added that he did not know who the deputies were when they entered the residence.

A large German Shepard was found deceased, apparently from a gunshot wound, in the rear bedroom of the first floor. The suspect's shotgun and another semiautomatic .22 caliber "survivalist" type of gun, were also found in the room.

The operations plan was prepared and approved by Sergeant Nelson prior to the execution of the search warrant. The Narcotics Zone Lieutenant, Axel Anderson, was notified of the pending search warrant execution and of the shooting that occurred during the service. Sergeant Nelson also tape recorded the service of the search warrant from prior to the entry into the front yard until after the shooting.

IAB Note: The audio tape has been retained at Internal Affairs Bureau as Exhibit B.

A search of the location by the Narcotics team revealed the two above-mentioned weapons and a dismantled methamphetamine laboratory.

On August 26, 1999, Sergeant Patrick Nelson advised me that Suspect Rodney Sexton plead guilty on that date in Lancaster to Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer With a Firearm, and Manufacturing Methamphetamine in exchange for an eight-year deal (because of the special allegation involving the firearm, Suspect Sexton will have to do 85% of the time), Case Number MAO 18782.